

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-7 ESV

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you,
constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

3 remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of
love and steadfastness of hope in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that
he has chosen you,

5 because our gospel came to you not only
in word, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit and with full conviction. You know
what kind of men we proved to be among
you for your sake.

6 And you became imitators of us and of the
Lord, for you received the word in much
affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

START HERE

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy brought the gospel to Thessalonica. Later, they wrote a letter to the young church. Let's explore the gospel's impact on the Thessalonians and consider what we can learn from their example.

OBSERVE

1 To understand the impact of the gospel on Thessalonica, begin by marking every reference to the church in the text with a box, including any pronouns. We've marked the first two for you as an example.

2 List below what you learn from marking references to the church. We've started by listing what you can observe from the first two references.

1:1 the church of the Thessalonians

*1:1 in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ*

1:1 grace to you and peace

3 What do you learn about the church in Thessalonica's response to the gospel?

INTERPRET

4 To understand the affliction mentioned in verse 6, read the account of Paul and Silas's journey in Acts 17.

APPLY

5 What part of the Thessalonian believers' response to the gospel is demonstrated in your life? In what ways can you be a better example?

WRAP IT UP:

Although they were surrounded by hostility, the believers in Thessalonica held firm to the gospel, and God's grace changed the way they lived. *Ask God to help you understand and apply these truths to your current circumstances.*

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